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TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

MR. JOHN DRUMMOND.



TO THE HONOURABLE
THE LORD PROVOST, MAGISTRATES,
DEAN OF GUILD, DEACON CONVENER,
AND
COMMISSIONERS OF POLICE.

GENTLEMEN,

The office of Police Surgeon having become vacant by the death of Dr. Spittal, I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages.

With the view of enabling you to form an opinion as to my qualifications and fitness for the proper discharge of the multifarious duties connected with that important office, I have procured a number of Certificates, from my medical friends and others, which, I trust, are of such a character, as will bear you out in giving me your support on the day of election.

Without farther remark, I place myself in your hands, being well assured that my claims to support will receive every consideration from so respectable and influential a body of my fellow-citizens.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN DRUMMOND.

GLASGOW, 10th April, 1840.

TESTIMONIALS.

*From the late JOSIAH WALKER, Esq. Professor of
Humanity in the University of Glasgow.*

Mr. DRUMMOND attended my class in the two sessions commencing October, 1818, and October, 1819; and, during the whole of his attendance, recommended himself strongly to my approbation and regard, by all the good qualities which can be expected from a student. I find him distinguished in my catalogue for these years as a very excellent and progressively improving scholar, and also as a youth who evinced by his conduct the strongest marks of good sense, correct feeling, engaging manners, and steady self-controul. If Mr. Drummond, during the interval since our connection closed, has been improving in these valuable qualities (which from all I hear of him has been the case) and if he paid the same attention to his professional as to his general education, I can have no doubt that his services will be highly precious to those who have the good fortune to employ him.

JOSIAH WALKER, L.H.P.

GLASGOW COLLEGE, 21st July, 1831.

*From Dr. THOMAS THOMSON, Regius Professor of
Chemistry in the University of Glasgow.*

Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, after having received a regular medical education in Glasgow, and having distinguished himself very much in the different classes by his regularity and good behaviour, and by the great progress

which he made in the different sciences connected with medicine, went into the navy, where he served as a surgeon in various parts of the world for five years, and he has been for several years settled in Glasgow as a surgeon ; and I have formed the highest opinion both of his character, attention, and medical skill, and think him highly deserving encouragement and patronage.

THOMAS THOMSON, M.D.

Professor of Chemistry.

GLASGOW, 18th April, 1831.

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*From Dr. A. D. ANDERSON, Senior Physician to the  
Glasgow Royal Infirmary.*

I HAVE known Mr. DRUMMOND for many years. He was a dresser in the Royal Infirmary when I acted as one of the surgeons, in 1824, and I have had frequent opportunities since that time of becoming acquainted with him, both professionally and otherwise.

We have been associated together as examiners for the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, and I have had occasion to observe and to appreciate his professional character in this way, as well as by meeting him in consultation.

I am also well acquainted with the qualifications requisite for the arduous duties of surgeon to the Glasgow Police Establishment, for which he is a candidate, and I have no hesitation in stating that I believe Mr. Drummond to be well qualified for that office, and that, should he be elected, he will in every way do credit to the appointment.

A. D. ANDERSON, M.D.

*Senior Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.*

159, ST. VINCENT STREET, GLASGOW, }  
31st March, 1840. }



*From* Dr. JOHN MACFARLANE.

It affords me much pleasure to have an opportunity of bearing testimony to the high professional attainments and zeal of Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, surgeon. I consider him, on account of his abilities, his extensive practice, experience, and his devoted attention to his patients, as highly qualified for the office of surgeon to the Police Establishment.

JOHN MACFARLANE, M.D.

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114, ST. VINCENT STREET, }  
April 1st, 18 0. }

*From* Dr. ALEXANDER PANTON.

I HAVE been acquainted with Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND these ten years past, and have reason to know that he received a good classical and medical education. He entered the navy as a medical officer, and continued in that service five years. Since his return home, he has practised as a surgeon in this city with much success.

I have formed a high opinion of him, both as a gentleman and as a well-informed medical man; and am convinced, from his youth, health, diligence, and medical talents, few will be found better qualified than he is to discharge the duties of surgeon to the Police Establishment.

ALEXANDER PANTON, M.D.

GLASGOW, 7th April, 1840.

*From* Dr. JAMES BROWN, *Lecturer on Midwifery in the Andersonion Institution.*

I HAVE much pleasure in certifying that I have known Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, Surgeon, for upwards of ten years, and have had ample opportunities in consultation and otherwise of judging of his character.

He is an active, zealous, intelligent and conscientious surgeon. As a man, his conduct as far as I have seen, has been upright and honourable, and I have uniformly found him obliging and attentive. I have no doubt, that, if elected to the office of Police Surgeon, he will perform the duties of that office with entire satisfaction to the Commissioners of Police and the public.

JAMES BROWN, M. D.

73, ST. VINCENT STREET, }  
30th March, 1840. }

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*From Dr. HANNAY, Lecturer on the Practice of Physic  
in the Andersonian Institution.*

I MOST willingly bear testimony to Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, Surgeon's (formerly of the Royal Navy) skill and ability as a surgeon. I regard him as excellently well informed on professional subjects, and as possessing skill and dexterity in the practical departments of his art.

I feel assured, that, in appointing Mr. Drummond to the Surgeonship of the Police Establishment, the Commissioners will have much satisfaction in their choice.

ALEXR. J. HANNAY, M. D.

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88, ST. VINCENT STREET, }  
1st April, 1840. }

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*From Dr. COWAN, Professor of Forensic Medicine in the  
University of Glasgow.*

I HAVE been acquainted with Mr. DRUMMOND, Surgeon, for a considerable number of years, and have occasionally met with him in consultation.

From my intercourse with him, I have been induced to form a very favourable estimate of his general and

professional qualifications, and of his manner to those placed under his charge.

I can, with confidence, recommend him to the Commissioners of Police as a gentleman highly qualified, from his experience and attainments, to discharge the duties of Surgeon to the Police Establishment, for which office he is now a candidate.

ROBERT COWAN, M. D.

GLASGOW, 1st April, 1840.

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*From Dr. JAMES JEFFRAY, Professor of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow.*

I HEREBY certify that Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND attended the Medical Classes in this University the usual number of years, and was regular in his attendance, and very attentive, and, so far as I ever heard, exemplary in his conduct. He afterwards went into the navy, and served as a medical man for several years, since which time, he has been in practice for several years in this city, where I have had occasion to know he is much respected.

JAS. JEFFRAY, M. D.

COLLEGE, GLASGOW, }  
July 13th, 1831. }

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*From Dr. WILLIAM CUMIN, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow.*

I HEREBY certify that Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, after completing the preliminary studies of Latin, Greek, Logic and Moral Philosophy, in our University, received a regular medical education in the same school, and having undergone with credit, the usual examinations, obtained an appointment in the navy, where he served for several years. He has since settled in Glasgow,

and is now a candidate for the office of Surgeon to the Police. I have no hesitation in saying, that I consider him perfectly well qualified for that appointment, and I conceive that his experience as a surgeon in the navy will give him a considerable advantage in the management of those who may be disposed, on the plea of sickness, to evade their duty.

WILLIAM CUMIN, M.D.

GLASGOW, *July 16th*, 1831.

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From Dr. M. S. BUCHANAN, Lecturer on Anatomy.

I HAVE known intimately, for many years, Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, Surgeon, 280, Argyle Street, and entertain a very high opinion of his talents and professional acquirements. I feel convinced that, if elected to the Surgency of the Police, he will give ample satisfaction to the Commissioners and the public.

M. S. BUCHANAN, M.D.

GLASGOW, *1st April*, 1840.

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*From Dr. JAMES WILSON, Interim Lecturer on Midwifery  
in the University of Glasgow.*

Mr. DRUMMOND, Surgeon, Argyle Street, has been intimately known to me for many years, and I have always entertained a very high opinion of him as a gentlemanly, correct man, and an active, able, and useful practitioner, and I am confident, if Mr. Drummond is appointed Surgeon to the Police Establishment, he will discharge the duties of that situation to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

JAS. WILSON, M.D.

MILLER STREET, *31st March*, 1840.



*From the late Rev. JOHN SOMMERS, Minister of  
Norrieston.*

AS MR. JOHN DRUMMOND is a native of this place, I have on that account had every opportunity of knowing him since a boy at school, and, from personal knowledge, can attest that this part of his education was well conducted, that he was under the care of an excellent teacher, and while at school stood always at the top of his classes.

That, after he had got a well-finished grammar-school education, he was sent to the University of Glasgow, where he attended for eight years; and I had it from good authority that, during the time of his studies, he was ranked with those who excelled among his class-fellows.

From these advantages which he enjoyed, his natural talents, his attention to his own improvement, and the experience he has had already in practice, I would think that there are very few so highly qualified to fill the vacant charge of being Surgeon to the Police, for which at present, I learn, he is a candidate. Attested by

JOHN SOMMERS, *Minister.*

17th July, 1831.

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From Dr. W. R. GIBB.

I HAVE long known Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND as a most respectable and successful Medical Practitioner in this city, and, from all I have observed, I feel fully warranted in certifying that I consider him highly qualified to discharge the duty of an active, conscientious, and intelligent Surgeon.

W. R. GIBB, M.D.

GLASGOW, 31st March, 1840.

From DR. ANDW. BUCHANAN, *Professor of the Theory of Medicine in the University of Glasgow.*

I HAVE had the pleasure of knowing Mr. DRUMMOND for several years past as a Member of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons and a Member of the Glasgow Medical Society, and, from meeting him occasionally in consultation, I have much pleasure in certifying that I believe him fully qualified to perform the duties of Surgeon to the Police Establishment, for which office, I understand, he is a candidate.

ANDREW BUCHANAN, M.D.

GLASGOW, 110, ST. VINCENT STREET, }
31st March, 1840. }

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*From* JOHN MACNISH, Esq.

I HAVE been intimately acquainted with Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND since he commenced practice.

I have reason to know that he received a most ample classical education as well as medical.

That he was five years in the navy as Assistant Surgeon, and that he is a very experienced and expert practitioner, and well worthy the attention of those gentlemen whose duty it is to appoint respectable and well qualified persons to the office for which he is a candidate.

JNO. MACNISH, *Surgeon.*

BUCHANAN STREET, }  
July 12th, 1839. }

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From the Rev. JOHN REID, A.M. *Minister of Brownfield.*

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the character, talents and attainments of Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, Surgeon, at present an applicant for the appointment of Medical Officer to our Police Establishment. I have known him since we attended together the Grammar

School of Stirling, where he greatly distinguished himself; and, when at Glasgow College, we were room companions for three winters, so that I have had ample opportunity of becoming acquainted with his diligence and success in his studies. He attended the gown classes for four sessions, and was eminent, not only as a linguist, but also as a philosophical student, especially in the ethic class. His talents are of a high order, and have been well cultivated, his reading is varied and extensive, and his manners obliging and refined. He has seen other countries than his own, so that he can draw from various stores of knowledge when engaged in conversation. As a medical practitioner, I can state from personal experience, that he is most judicious and successful in his treatment, and, from his long and widespread practice in this neighbourhood, I know that he is held in high estimation by all classes. He is kind and condescending to the poor, compassionate to the distressed, and a deserved favourite with his patients. His moral character, I believe, stands unblemished. On the whole, were he successful in his present application, I am convinced he would give entire satisfaction to his constituents and the public.

JOHN REID, A. M.

Minister of Brownfield.

GLASGOW, 2d April, 1840.

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*From Dr. JAMES WATSON, President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.*

I HAVE known Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, Surgeon, Argyle Street, for several years, and have had occasionally an opportunity of witnessing his practice. He has always appeared to me to be a judicious and attentive practitioner, and I have no doubt of his fitness for any public professional situation.

JAMES WATSON, M. D.

*From Dr. WILLIAM DAVIDSON, Lecturer on Materia Medica and Physician to the Royal Infirmary.*

Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, Surgeon, has been well known to me for several years as a highly intelligent and active practitioner. His natural talents are very excellent, and he has acquired, by study and an extensive experience, a very correct and scientific knowledge of his profession. I understand that he is a candidate for the office of Surgeon to the Police Establishment, for which he is, in my opinion, very highly qualified.

WM. DAVIDSON, M. D.

*One of the Physicians to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.*

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From Dr. JOHN PANTON.

Mr. JOHN DRUMMOND, Surgeon, has been intimately known to me for upwards of twenty years as a student at the University, as an officer in the medical department of the Royal Navy, and for the last ten years as a practitioner in this city. From my knowledge of his abilities, perseverance, and attention in all these capacities, I have much pleasure in stating it as my opinion that I know no individual better fitted to fill, or more likely to give satisfaction in the situation of surgeon to the Police Establishment of this city, for which he is now a candidate.

JOHN PANTON, M.D.

GLASGOW, April 3d, 1840.

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*From Dr. FRANCIS STEEL.*

THIS is to certify that I have been acquainted with Mr. Drummond for several years past, and that from what I know of his talents, acquirements, and opportunities, I consider him eminently well qualified for the discharge of the duties of surgeon to the Glasgow Police Establishment.

FRANCIS STEEL, M.D.

GLASGOW, 3d April, 1840.



*From the Rev. W. ARNOT, A.M. Minister of St. Peter's.*

FROM an acquaintance of more than a year's standing, and the sphere of my labours lying in the same quarter of the city with his, I know Mr. DRUMMOND to be a man of worth. From much personal intercourse, I know him to be a gentleman of an open, frank, and engaging manner. Of his skill as a surgeon of course I am not qualified to judge, but I have had as good an opportunity of forming an opinion as any person, not professional, could possibly have, having been his patient in a pretty severe illness for a period of five weeks. I marked a care, and diligence, and anxiety which I certainly had not seen before. I think his zeal and activity could not be surpassed. As to his skill in applying the proper remedies I leave others to determine, but in my own case there is at least a presumptive evidence in their favour, they were successful.

W. ARNOT, A.M.

*Minister of St. Peter's.*

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From Dr. WM. AUCHINCLOSS.

MR. JOHN DRUMMOND, Surgeon, has been intimately known to me for many years past. On several occasions I have attended patients in consultation with him, and am impressed with a very high opinion of his professional acquirements. I consider him well qualified for the situation of surgeon to the Police Establishment.

WM. AUCHINCLOSS, M.D.

GLASGOW, 4th April, 1840.

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